

Benjamin Stone

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Education

The University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Sep 2024 – May 2028 (Expected)

Accounting and Finance (MA Hons)

- Results: Achieved First Year and Second Year averages above first-class standard
- Key Modules: Accounting, Economics and Financial Markets, Statistics

King David High School Linksfield, South Africa

Jan 2019 – Dec 2023

National Senior Certificate (IEB)

- Results: 7777776 equivalent to A-Level A*A*A
- Subjects: Accounting (82%), Afrikaans (81%), English (83%), Hebrew (83%), History (79%), Life Orientation (86%), Mathematics (87%)

Work Experience

Investec Bank South Africa, Johannesburg

Investment Banking Winter Internship

August 2026

- Selected as 1 of 6 interns for Investec's Investment Banking Winter Internship; built a DCF valuation for a proposed R1.1bn FMCG acquisition, deriving WACC and an implied EV/EBITDA range of 4.5–7.0x.
- Produced a 15-slide investment banking pitch deck covering valuation, competitive positioning, SWOT and regulatory risk analysis.
- Presented and defended the acquisition thesis to Investec VPs and Associates in live Q&A, securing a positive investment recommendation.

365 Finance, London

Finance Intern

May 2025 – Jun 2025

- Evaluated 3 enterprise AI platforms (DataRobot, Taktile, Worktual) across underwriting automation, risk assessment, and lead generation, delivering a prioritised implementation roadmap to senior management.
- Built ROI models across a portfolio of ~6,400 annual loans, estimating a potential 10-15% reduction in default risk and up to ~3,000 hours/year saved through partial underwriting automation.
- Identified a potential revenue uplift of roughly £150-200K from improved lead qualification, supporting data-driven recommendations on AI investment strategy.

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Investment Banking Work Experience

April 2022

- Gained exposure to financial modelling, valuation and M&A processes within the investment banking division.
- Observed deal structuring and capital-raising strategies.
- Strengthened communication and teamwork skills through collaboration across teams.

Other Experience

PIMCO Prep, Virtual Programme

April 2026

- Selectively admitted to PIMCO's annual virtual programme covering fixed income investment management, buy-side vs sell-side analysis, and PIMCO's portfolio strategies and team structure.
- Participated in a dedicated session on navigating interviews at investment management firms.

King David High School Linksfield – First Team Cricket Captain

Jan 2023 – Dec 2023

- Organised weekly training sessions and matches for a squad of 14 players, leading the team to an undefeated league season.
- Awarded best batsman at the school for the third consecutive year.

Indoor Cricket World Cup, Christchurch, New Zealand

September 2018

- Selected to represent South Africa at the Indoor Cricket World Cup, finishing as World Cup Champions.

Projects

The Luxury Watch Index (LWX)

2025 – Present

benjystone2005.github.io/The-Luxury-Watch-Index/luxury-watch-index.html

- Constructed an equally weighted index in Microsoft Excel tracking secondary market price movements across 10 luxury watch references sourced consistently from Chrono24.
- Calculated weekly median Ask prices for each constituent, normalised against a base date to produce a composite index.
- Built and deployed an interactive, professional website with live charts, YTD performance metrics, and full methodology documentation.

Skills & Activities

- Technical Skills:** Excel, Python, Financial Data Analysis, Financial Statement Analysis, Stata
- Interests:** Football, stock trading, global affairs, gym, golf, coding, AI